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Well, folks, its that time again! I'm trying to get this issue out in time, because we have several important activities this month, beginning with the Jim Kirkreit memorial picnic.

The picnic, sometimes called "'DK at the beach", is being held in Puyallup's South Hill neighborhood, at Bradley Lake. Details are on page five of this issue.

It's normally considered a potluck, so bring on the good food! W7DK is providing dogs and drinks!

The other really big event this month, is of course, (cue the drum roll!): FIELD DAY!

This is always a biggie for W7DK so plan on being there, even if it is to play the role of interested bystander!

Field Day this year is going to be at Western State Hospital here in beautiful Downtown Lakewood, right across the street from lovely Ft. Steilacoom park. IF you have never seen the park, this will be a good opportunity to see it and attend FD. There is also going to be some kind of folk festival going on at the park.

June is usually considered to be the opening month of the summer season, so lets get is started off with a bang!

Unfortunately for us radio hobbyists, summer also happens to be the worst for radio wave propagation. I guess that we will nit have an excuse to NOT be doing yard work.

Here a radio WG7X I hope to finally get some long-delayed antenna projects off the drawing board.

What are your plans for the summer? Let us know by writing to me at my E-mail address or the address listed on page 10 of this issue.

Until next month then, I'll leave you to contemplate this advertisement from "Shortwave magazine from the 1930's".

73 Gary WG7X

EMCOMM
KD7UAQ

Let us review what we have already established. The emergency communication support operation is greatly changed from even a few years ago. We have now defined EMCOMM as: "The supporting communication service provided by trained amateur federally licensed volunteers that facilitate the regaining and maintaining of public safety." But where does RCT (or us as individuals) fit in? Well let us look at what has been developing for the last 47 or so years.

It really is no surprise that after the 1970's series of catastrophic fires in California that studies proved that response problems were the result of inadequate management. The economic losses were in the millions and people died and lots were hurt because of inadequate management not skills or capability short falls. A solution had to be found. The result was the development of the Incident Command System (ICS).

ICS is a standardized management tool for meeting the demands of small or large emergency or non-emergency situations. It represents "Best Practices" and has become the gold standard for emergency management across the country. This system can be used for planned events, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism. Because it REALLY WORKS it has become a key feature of the National Management System (NIMS). The Federal Government fully backs this ICS management tool with dollars at all levels of government.

NIMS states;"The ICS is a management system designed to enable effective and efficient domestic incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure, designed to enable effective and efficient domestic incident management. A basic premise of ICS is that it is widely applicable. It is used to organize both near-term and long term field level operations for a broad spectrum of emergencies, from small to complex incidents, both natural and manmade. ICS is used by all levels of government - Federal, State, local, and tribal - as well as by many private sector and non-governmental organizations. ICS is also applicable across disciplines. It is normally structured to facilitate activities in five major functional areas: command, operations, planning, logistics, and finance and administration."

To really understand what this ICS is all about we must explore the 14 essential features at make up ' ALL' Incident Command System operations. Most of these are common sense elements which are not new, but when they are spelled out in a coherent structure and operating plan they become collectively a very powerful management tool.

1. **Common terminology**: Using common terminology helps define organizational functions, incident facilities, resource descriptions, and position titles. So, if you know the talk or jargon being used by 'everyone' the whole team is working together because every word means the same to all involved. It does not matter where in the country you came from or practiced in or what skill you bring to the incident, everyone knows what is happening and what to expect because the words mean the same to everyone involved. This maybe the most important element, i.e. getting everyone on the same page without jurisdictional or jargonal boundaries.

2. **Modular Organization**: The Incident Command organizational structure develops in a top-down, modular fashion that is based on the size and complexity of the incident, as well as the specifics of the hazard environment created by the incident. This means there is no set structure to meet all situations. The organization is 'need based' and developed beginning with the first responder and expanding and contracting as needed within these guide lines. It is really a very un-governmental animal. What other government service have you ever heard of that plans its own sunset rules and actually goes away when the job is done. ICS really does work to the public benefit!

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3. **Management by Objectives**: Includes establishing overarching objectives; developing and issuing assignments, plans, procedures, and protocols; establishing specific, measurable objectives for various incident management functional activities; and directing efforts to attain the established objectives. Many "How to Books"have been written about the power and achieved successes using 'Management by Objectives'. This is a proven management technique that works in real life situations not just in the ivory tower think tanks. It works because it is something that rank and file operatives can relate to and function efficiently and effectively using.

4. **Reliance on an Incident Action Plan**: Incident Action Plans (IAPs) provide a coherent means of communicating the overall incident objectives in the contexts of both operational and support activities. These plans are updated frequently and are changed when conditions warrant change. In other words, there is no set way to deal with a problem. Reaching the objective is dependent upon application of principals and resources. Plans are expected to be redefined/ improved/ changed and resources redeployed or de-commissioned as the situation evolves. It really makes sense to have objectives that a team or individual can achieve during their/his watch or continuous on duty time. Since we as humans start to fail in all capacities after about 12 hours and need to be relived the long term objectives may not change much but the short term, i.e. shift length, objectives are always changing. New eyes new ideas means the plan is changing and hopefully/usually getting better and more effective and efficient over time.

That is all for this month. Next month we will finish the list of essential features and begin to explore how the ICS takes shape.

73, KD7UAQ Bruce

MINUTES
9 May, 2007

The 9 May, 2007 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson -- AD7FF
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Alan Lentz –W7AML
Board Member Peter Baker – AD7EU

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 46 signed in to the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Randy Thompson AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed, guests welcomed and new calls acknowledged.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Vice President Jill Palmer K7JIL is under the weather and unable to attend tonight.

During the VE report, John AC7WW reported that VE Joe Baldassari attended last Tuesday's session and is doing well.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reported receipt of the usual bank statements and utility bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

The Treasurer's report was available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: On behalf of Jill K7JIL and Rick KE7EMW, Larry KD4VOM reported that active membership stood at 279 and that's a bit ahead of our count at this time last year.

Hamfest: No Report

Training:

The next Technician class is scheduled for June 9/10. Steve AD7AB has the manuals and there are plenty of vacant seats at this point. This will likely be the last Technician class until the fall.

Steve also brought a large stack of new frequency and band allocation sheets courtesy of ICOM.

Steve also has the new repeater books available.

The Club's General Class kicked off last Friday and will run for six weeks at the clubhouse at 7pm. At this point there may be room for a few more to join class, Contact Gary McAdams WG7X.

VE Report: John Clarke AC7WW reports that last Tuesday's candidates were outnumbered by VE examiners by a 12 to five margin. Eight elements were administered and six passed. The Amateur Service gained two new Technicians, one of which upgraded to General. Another candidate upgraded to General and two candidates upgraded to Extra Class.

John offered a special note of thanks to all of our Volunteer Examiners who volunteer their time to make this program possible.

PROGRAM: Rich Patrick KR7W, ably assisted by Pete KK7QW presented the PSK 31 program.

Tonight's program was a thorough and detailed exploration of the PSK 31 Amateur digital mode. The presentation covered the history, background, hardware, software, operating techniques of the PSK 31 mode. This was followed by an on the air practical demonstration assisted by a contact with John AB8O, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The QSO was conducted at 7070 KHz using 25 watts fed into a wire dipole up 20 feet from the ground

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Field Day Shirts and Pins: Larry KD4VOM reminded us that we are taking orders for 2007 Field Day T Shirts and Pins. The orders must be prepaid and will be submitted after the 23 May meeting to insure receipt by Field Day…

W7DK Kirkreit Picnic at the Beach: Larry also reminded all that our annual picnic is coming up on 9 June at the Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. There is a sign up sheet to assist us in knowing how many are planning to attend.

Mother's Day Brunch: Rich Manson N7ANF reminded all that this year's annual Mother's Day Brunch is scheduled for May 20th at the Clubhouse from around 8:30 to 11:30 more or less.

VE REPORT
by John AC7WW.

A special Test Session was conducted at a LDS facility in Puyallup by the Volunteer Examiner Team sponsored by the Radio Club of Tacoma on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Thirty-five elements were administered to eighteen candidates. Sixteen Technicians joined the Amateur Service. One of those Technicians advanced to General Class and one candidate failed to advance.

Thanks to the following Volunteer Examiners that conducted the session.

Al Churchill, AC7BU Jon Hamilton, AD7AW
Rich Heasty, KK7VH Bud Larson, KE7GBY
Jim Lawrence, N7RHX Stephen Morton, AD7AB
Ed Root, KC7OKS

It appears that the rush is over. Tuesday May 8th 2007 only five candidates showed at the testing session. And they were over whelmed by twelve volunteer examiners.

A total of eight elements were administered with six being passed. The Amateur Service acquired two new Technicians and one of those upgraded to General. Another candidate upgraded to General and two candidates upgraded to Amateur Extra.

Next Scheduled Testing Session is Tuesday, June 12th.

Thanks to the following Volunteer Examiners that conducted the session.

Joe Baldassari, W7RQ Al Burleson, K7HW
Jon Hamilton, AD7AW Rich Heasty, KK7VH
Bill Jonez, AB7WJ Bud Larson, KE7GBY
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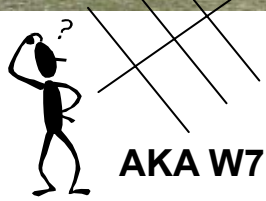


W7DK Picnic @ Bradley Lake

Its time again for the Annual Jim Kirkreit W7DK Picnic AKA W7DK at the Beach. This time the beach is at Bradley Lake

Bradley Lake Park , Puyallup, South Hill, behind Wal-Mart

Saturday, 9 June 2007

Time: 12:00 — 4 pm

Bring your favorite picnic food, potato salad, beans, salads, desserts etc. The Club will provide the franks, buns, sodas and coffee.

This year we're planning a bunny -hunt again.., no, not the cotton tail, but the hidden transmitter hunt type

Bradley Lake Park is behind the Wall Mart Store at South Hill Mall.

Larry Watson KD4VOM 253-843-2190
royretreat@mailcan.com

We would really appreciate knowing if you are planning to come, and how many in your group. Let us know at a meeting, or on a Saturday at the clubhouse where we will have sign up sheets, or send an email to me at royretreat@mailcan.com

JUNE 23-24 "FIELD DAY"

Where: Western State Hospital grounds

Setup beginning Friday, June 22

More info available at the clubhouse or from any of your Radio Club officers.

Contact Commander Bob, AD7LJ for details!

BE THERE, OR BE SQUARE!!

PS: See map on next page...

Radio Club of Tacoma 2007 Field Day Site

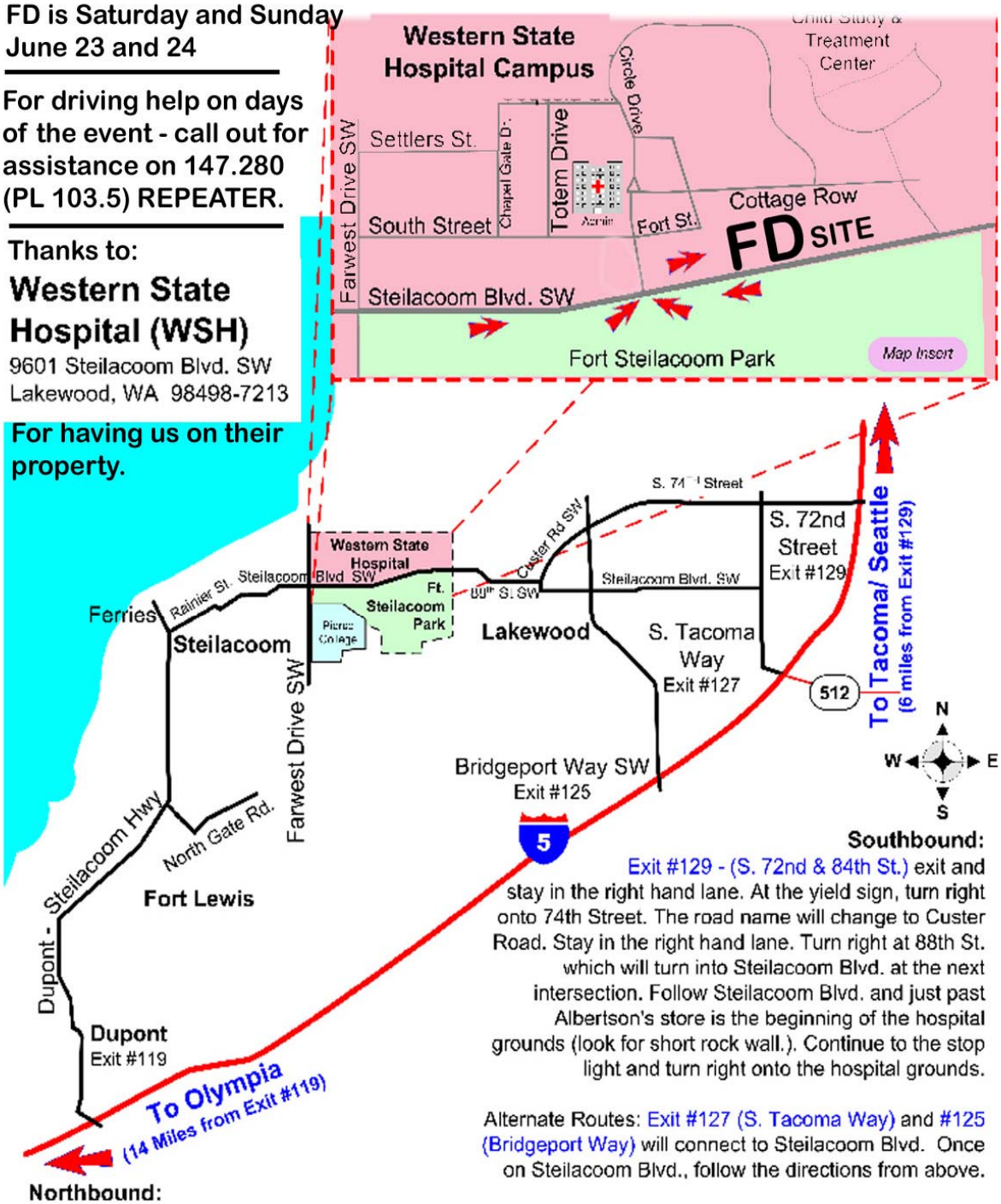
FD is Saturday and Sunday June 23 and 24

For driving help on days of the event - call out for assistance on 147.280 (PL 103.5) REPEATER.

Thanks to:

Western State Hospital (WSH)
9601 Steilacoom Blvd. SW
Lakewood, WA 98498-7213

For having us on their property.



Southbound:
Exit #129 - (S. 72nd & 84th St.) exit and stay in the right hand lane. At the yield sign, turn right onto 74th Street. The road name will change to Custer Road. Stay in the right hand lane. Turn right at 88th St. which will turn into Steilacoom Blvd. at the next intersection. Follow Steilacoom Blvd. and just past Albertson's store is the beginning of the hospital grounds (look for short rock wall.). Continue to the stop light and turn right onto the hospital grounds.

Alternate Routes: Exit #127 (S. Tacoma Way) and #125 (Bridgeport Way) will connect to Steilacoom Blvd. Once on Steilacoom Blvd., follow the directions from above.

Northbound:
Take Exit #119 - (Dupont/Steilacoom), take left at light over freeway and at next light turn right onto Dupont-Steilacoom Hwy all the way into the city of Steilacoom. Take right on Rainier and follow until it merges in Steilacoom Boulevard. Past Farwest Drive, the hospital campus will be visible on left of road. Left turn possible at light signal (first intersection for Circle Drive). **Map courtesy of WSH website.**

Pictures from the Recent "Bunny Hunt" at Point Defiance Park.

At left, is the organizer of the "Bunny Hunt" Rich KR7W reading the instructions, even though he knows that it will do no good, especially since HE wrote them!!

Down below, Is a larger picture at the entrance of the Rhododendron garden where Rich (sitting) and AL, N7OMS prepare for the hunt!

PS: No bunnies, real or fictional, fuzzy or otherwise, were harmed during this hunt.

Above, Rich is looking for the bunny and your Editor is doing what I do best: Standing around with my hands firmly in pockets.

(Well it was a bit chilly that morning!)

Left, We have Chuck AC7QN, Pat KD7TRC and Rich KR7W contemplating a successful hunt. Note that all three of them are standing under the lift gate on the hippy van. Yeah, it was raining!

Happy Birthday June

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
1	Roy Myers Jr	**WA7UZL**	696
1	William Childers	**KD7NJV**	2124
4	Bill Rogerson	**KE7JRT**	2316
4	Roddy Nolten	**KE7JQU**	2321
5	Paul Jones	**AC7UJ**	2168
7	Nick Winter Jr	**K7MO**	640
10	Garfield Klinger Jr	**KC7LZL**	2053
12	Harry Adams	**W7HSA**	2275
12	Willard Barth	**WA7LRQ**	2262
13	Angela Poore	**KC7EQ**	883
13	Charlie Koonce	**N5AYP**	2303
14	Bob Pensworth	**KC7HIR**	1962
14	Thomas Murphy	**N7QHX**	1370
14	William Jonez	**AB7WJ**	2049
16	Jay Leatham	**KD7DKY**	2035
16	Jim Watson-Gove	**K6IEB**	2320
16	King Davis	**KE7ASO**	2260
16	Stan Young	**KA7RBY**	2289
17	Jim Lawrence	**N7RHX**	2306
20	Robert Osborne	**KC7ZLH**	1999
20	Roger Holme	**KE7EMV**	2248
21	Don Hatlestad	**AC7FA**	2296
21	Roger Nace	**K8RN**	406
23	George Wood	**KA7HGE**	2058
23	Harry Howell	**KB7WYO**	1957
23	Mark Rader	**KC7AFO**	1662
24	Shirley Murphy	**N7QHW**	1371
25	Grace Teitzel	**AD7S**	827
25	Lou Metz Jr	**KC7VUM**	1977
25	Rich Salvin	**KE7EHE**	2271
27	Norm Hoppe	**K7DCN**	1735
28	Bob Hewlett	**N7NCP**	1316
28	Del Newhouse	**KD7HYU**	2059
28	Randy Hanson	**N7HNX**	1164

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Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5 Central Tacoma Packet: 144.970
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Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

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TO RCT MEMBER:

JUNE 2007 EVENTS

Club Meetings: Wednesdays June 13th and 27th at the library Administration building at 7:30 PM, 112th & Waller road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting, Wednesday June 6th 7:30 PM at the. Clubhouse - All members welcome.

License Testing - Tuesday, June 12th 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse.

BARK deadline Saturday May 26th 2007- PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB